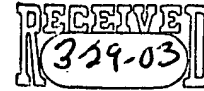


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## FORMAL RESPONSE TO 1/9/03 FINAL REJECTION

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Sir:

The independent claims 18 and 19 and the claims 6 - 11 and 14 - 17 dependent thereon stand rejected as being indefinite under 35USC112. In formal response to the final rejection kindly amend the claims to point out the structural aspects of the interface in ex Parte Jepson type format. Direct amendment into ex Parte Jepson format does not appear possible:

Rewrite Claim 18, as new claim 20 in which the structural aspects of the interface of the invention are set forth in ex Parte Jepson format then cancel claim 18.

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- 1 20. In a manually guided pointing operation in a display interface between a computer  
2 and a manually moveable mouse input member positioned by a user,  
3 said interface including an intersection between a curved member on said  
4 manually moveable mouse input member and a mouse pad stationary surface,  
5 said interface having associated signal generating circuitry operable  
6 to move a cursor in said display in response to relative motion of said curved